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2. The average monthly earnings, for certain categories of workers, are given below. Although the official rate of exchange is 32 lei to \$, the more realistic rate is stated to be 50 lei.

Unskilled labor	300-350 lei
Semi-skilled	350-400 lei
Skilled	400-900 lei
Factory manager in a large concern	2,000 lei
Doctor	400 lei
Chief doctor in a hospital	550 lei
Office worker	250-700 lei

3. The current prices of certain commodities are as follows:

Bread, dark, rationed	1 leu
Bread, light, unrationed	2 lei
Meat, rationed	About 15-20 lei per pound
Meat, unrationed	Up to ten times as much
Cloth, rationed	15-18 lei a meter
Cloth, unrationed	17-20 lei a meter
A suit	290 lei
Sport coat	187 lei
Cotton blouse, cheap design	
and quality	23 lei
Sandals, cheap pair	85 lei
Shoes, fairly good	140 lei
Toothpaste	18 lei
Shaving soap	4 1/2 lei

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4. There are families in Rumania who have not tasted meat for more than a year; with the price of unrationed meat so high, it has been profitable to sell their rationed quota. Meat is, however, obtainable cheaply by workers and students in their canteens. Persons not working in a state concern, such as collective farms and factories, do not receive a ration book.

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